

The Lady of the Mount

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"Sugar-Plums," He Repeated.

stency of the tale, with a gesture, brusque and contemptuous, dismissed the bearer.

But whatever feeling the lord of the Mount might entertain toward his chief officer, no course at the moment seemed open save to await the return of that person and the Marquis. So, curbing his impatience as best he might, his Excellency kept vigil; and not alone Tidings of what had happened spread at the top of the rock; sifted through closed gates and thick walls into the town. The late arrival at the Mount of the lords and ladies, companions of the Governor's daughter for the day, but added to the questionings of the multitude. All night life and expectancy reigned; lights gleamed from high places; responded in low ones.

"Is it true, my dear, what we hear about the Lady Elise?" the landlady of the inn on the Mount near the strand called out to a stalwart, dark young woman, hurrying down the narrow way shortly after the Paris contingent had gone up.

"I have heard no more than you have," came the curt answer of this person—none other than Nanette—who carried a small bundle and seemed anxious to move on.

"Oh, I didn't know but you came from the palace!" observed the mistress of the inn, and returned to her customers, drinking and nodding with heads close together.

On the morrow, however, all doubts were removed and speculations put at rest; for hardly had the sun set its seal in the sky than from the forests the appearance of a body of troops rewarded the watchers. From hovel to hovel the word went, and men, women and children, unkempt and curious, ran down to the beach to await the approach of the guard. Proudly had it departed, with waving of plumes; slowly it returned, a bedraggled procession of staggering horses and heavy-eyed men. Had it come back a little earlier, the dark might have kept the truth from the people; now the pitiless red glare revealed to the full the plight of the troopers. It told, too, the disappointment of Monsieur le Commandant, who looked neither to the right nor to the left; and the despair of my lord, the Marquis, pale counterfete of his debonair self.

"Her Ladyship! They haven't brought her back!" Low murmurs arose; grew louder; some one laughed. But sullenly, without answer, the soldiers dragged by, into the town, and laboriously up to the top of the Mount.

At the gate his Excellency waited; cast one glance at the company—their leader—and silently turned. Later, however, was he closeted with both the commandant and the Marquis—a brief period with the former who departed, carrying a look eloquent of the unpleasantness of the interview.

"And now," said the Governor in tones somewhat strained, as the officer's dejected footfall died in the distance, "we've got rid of that dolt, let us consider, my Lord, the purport of this outrage."

"Purport?" repeated the Marquis petulantly, stretching his stiff legs. "Did they not tell me that if anything happened to the Black Seigneur, they would hold her, Elise, answerable for it? You see they had learned," bitterly, "of your intention to hang him after the wedding!"

"From which you infer?"

"They will keep her as hostage! Indeed, they said as much, when—"

"They bound you, my Lord?"

The color came to the young man's face. "It was a trap," he said, his voice pitched higher; "and they came prepared, not for one man, but the guard!"

"Still it was very ill-advised—a great mistake—to have taken the shorter way through the forest alone."

The proposal did not originate with me! Elise suggested it. She seemed in a wild, headstrong mood; nothing would stop her. Now, moodily he rose, "mon dieu! What has she brought upon herself? Where is she now?"

His Excellency did not stir; his face, like a pale mask, was turned aside. "I do not think," he said slowly, as arguing to convince himself, "she is in any immediate danger."

But my lord caught irritably at the word. "No danger! She is surrounded. And we? what are we to do? Sit idly here? Give me a ship, your Excellency, and I will follow the boat of this Black Seigneur, and when I find it, force them to—"

"What?" The Governor's eyes swerved dully. "Have you forgotten their threat? Their last words to you that if we attempted to follow, to rescue—that, rather than give her up—"

"They would not dare!" cried my lord with sparkling glance.

But his Excellency shook his head.

"No; no; it won't do! And now," again looking away, "leave me, my Lord, to consider." With which, the interview, as unsatisfactory to the one as the other, terminated.

Several days that passed were not calculated either to alleviate his Excellency's anxiety, or the Marquis's impatience; for during that period of waiting came no word of my lady, or news of her captors. Mysteriously as a phantom ship had the boat that had carried the Governor's daughter away appeared on the coast and vanished, and from none of the Governor's vessels, or any of the fishing craft could be gleaned information of its whereabouts. My lord, the Marquis, annoyed at what seemed but fruitless delay; was still for setting forth and inviting battle; but of this his Excellency would not hear, arguing, no doubt, to himself that in temporizing lay greater assurance of safety to his daughter than in precipitate action. So the situation grew hourly more trying, until—as if it already were not intolerable enough!—a new concern added ironical weight to present perplexities.

My young lord, between whom and the master of the Mount had been growing a more strained relationship, sought the Governor one day, and, in excited tones, announced he had just learned that the prisoner, the Black Seigneur, was ill and probably would survive but a short time longer in the dungeon where he was confined. As his Excellency knew, the fellow had been wounded, and now with scanty nourishment, want of air, and close quarters, was generally in a bad way.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

GREENVILLE FRAME-UP.

Some Explanations Are Given for Arrests in Greenville.

Greenville, Oct. 30.—Concerning the manner in which Messrs. Gilreath Phillips and Gosnell were arrested Sunday night, and the treatment accorded them, some rather interesting developments came to light yesterday.

A great many people have been curious to know why Magistrate Stradley authorized Sheriff-elect Hendrix Rector to execute the warrants when Deputy Sheriff John S. Hunsinger, Sheriff J. Perry Poole or other officers were available. Magistrate Stradley was asked for a statement yesterday in regard to the matter and following is what he said:

"As I was at tea Sunday evening Hendrix Rector, W. L. Mauldin and Jack Power came to my house with three warrants already made out and requested that I sign them. I did so, and turned the warrants over to write on the back of it the officer whom I would designate to make the arrests. I found that the name of Hendrix Rector had already been inserted in the blank. I asked why Sheriff Poole could not serve the warrants, and Rector replied that Sheriff Poole had requested that he (Rector) be designated to make the arrests. I took him at his word and assented. Now any man who says that this is not the way the thing took place is a liar, and let him come to me if he doesn't like it."

When the warrants were sworn out and the arrests were made Sheriff Poole was not in Greenville. Sheriff Poole deprecates the manner in which the arrests were carried out, and stated yesterday that if he had been here he would have telephoned Mr. Gilreath that a warrant had been issued for him and would have requested him to come down and bring his bondsmen.

"I never thought for a moment that the warrants were going to be served Sunday night," said Magistrate Stradley yesterday afternoon. "I naturally supposed that Mr. Rector would wait until Monday and telephone the three men that warrants had been issued for them and ask them to come down and bring their bondsmen."

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The local magistrate turned into the County Treasury \$108.60 for the month of October. It is learned that the sums turned in by magistrates all over the county are gradually growing, in most cases the result of the work of the rural policeman in the community.

A Night of Terror.

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forethought will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

GIRL KILLED BY TRAIN.

Miss Ruth Myrick Meets Death When She Stumbles in Crossing Railway Tracks.

Allendale, Oct. 31.—Miss Ruth Myrick, the 16-year-old daughter of B. R. Myrick, was run over at 7.30 o'clock this morning by the east-bound C. & W. C. passenger train and both of her limbs severed from her body, and as a result of the accident died a few hours later.

It seems that Miss Myrick was walking on the track in front of her home, and in her effort to free herself of danger from the approaching train, stumbled and was caught beneath the wheels before the engineer could stop his train.

The untimely death of this fair young girl, just budding into womanhood, has cast a gloom over the entire community.

PROBABLE FAMINE IN COAL.

Price Has Gone Way up and Article Scarce Even Then.

It is probable that people of the city who have not already purchased their coal and who depend upon coal during the winter for heating will have a hard time of it this winter, if present conditions remain unchanged. A dealer in the article stated a few days ago that at present coal had gone up to \$8.75 to \$9.00 a ton and that it could not be secured even then without great difficulty. He had purchased coal in the summer and had disposed of it, but would not get any more as long as the present prices were maintained.

With these conditions in view householders are not promised an easy time of it during the approaching cold weather. Last year there was a scarcity of coal during one of the cold spells and there was a great deal of inconvenience by it and much grumbling. This winter, it is predicted, will be even more severe than last, so the outlook at present is not at all bright.

Chamber of Commerce Notes.

The committees appointed to secure subscriptions for the celebration of the coming of the Seaboard have all been out working and report a cordial reception by the business men of the city. There were some knocks as had been expected. These knockers can see no reason for such a day. This new line will open up a splendid trade territory for Sumter and it is up to the business men to go after this trade. We want the people living along this new line to come to Sumter and to meet our business men. We want them to know that we welcome them here and that we will always welcome them here. Cordial relations well established will be sure to result in business.

The exact date for holding this celebration has not yet been definitely decided as the committee is waiting on the railroad officials to determine a date that will be convenient for them and as near the completion of the road as possible.

A semi-annual meeting and smoker of the entire membership of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Armory on the 19th. It is expected that Mr. Harold Weir who has done a great work for the various State Chambers of Commerce will address the meeting on Chamber of Commerce work. The county corn show will be held on the same day when Professors English and Haddon will be in the city to act as judges of the corn. They have also been invited to speak at the night meeting.

All Chamber of Commerce dues are now due and must be paid to the Treasurer, Mr. McCallum or at the Chamber of Commerce. It is necessary that these dues be paid before the general meeting. The work of the Chamber is being handicapped for lack of funds.

Mr. R. W. Harkrave, Box 223, Appleton, Wis., writes that he wishes to purchase a small farm near Sumter and has a friend who also wishes to buy a farm near him.

Dan J. Joyce, Sanville, Henry Co., Virginia says: "I took a cold with a cough which hung on for two years. Then I commenced using Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and the cough finally left me and now I am perfectly strong and well." Is best and safest for children and contains no opiates. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

The work of the frost on vegetation is plainly visible, most of the tender parts of the plant being killed and having turned black since the early part of the week.

Only a Fire Hero

but the crowd cheered, as, with burning hands, he held up a small round box, "Fellows!" he shouted, "this Bucklen's Arnica Salve I hold, has everything beat for burns." Right! also for boils, ulcers, sores, pimples, eczema, cuts, sprains, bruises. Surest cure. It subdues inflammation, kills pain. Only 25 cents at Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

A City Which Wants a General Manager.

There are some signs that the public is awakening to the fact that the job of running a city is, first and last, an engineering job. A city is well governed if its water works, street paving, street lighting, street cleaning, sewerage, garbage disposal, street railway, electric wires and conduits, regulations for safe buildings and matters of public sanitation are all properly attended to; but the conduct of each and all of the municipal activities is engineering work, and if there is to be any assurance that the work is to be done well and economically, it must be under the charge of an engineer.

Three years ago, in our issue of July 8, 1909, we called attention to the radical departure inaugurated by the City of Staunton, Va., which created the office of City General Manager, and made that officer the executive head of all of the city departments except the schools, police and fire departments. The change was made without legislation, as the city had authority under its charter to create additional municipal officers and define their powers. The city continued its old form of government under which it was provided with a Mayor, Board of Aldermen and Common Council, these two latter bodies performing their work by means of various special committees on different subjects. How the Staunton experiment has worked, we are not informed. The evident danger in the plan was that the engineer who held the position of General Manager would be interfered with in his work by the various aldermanic and councilmanic committees to which he had to report, some of whom were likely to resent the transfer of their authority to a municipal General Manager.

It now appears that another Southern city is to try the General Manager plan of municipal government, and it will try it under much more favorable conditions than existed at Staunton. The City of Sumter, S. C., on June 12, last, by a popular vote of three to one, voted to put in force the City Manager plan of municipal government or rather its combination with the so called commission plan. This change was made possible by an act passed at the last session of the South Carolina Legislature.

The defects of the commission plan of city government have become pretty well known. In the first place, it is very difficult by the ordinary procedure of party nominations and election to insure the selection of three to five capable men with the necessary expert knowledge to enable them to properly administer the business affairs of a city. In the second place, in the smaller cities the executive management of all the city's affairs does not involve more work than one competent man can do. The city must then either put up with the service of second-rate of third-rate men willing to accept small salaries for easy jobs, or it must accept such amateur service as some of its business men can spare from their regular occupations.

Under the Sumter plan of city government, the people elect three Commissioners who have all the powers formerly vested in the Mayor and Aldermen. The salaries of these men are nominal, \$300 for one of the Commissioners, who retains the title of Mayor, and \$200 for each of the others. The chief and most important duty of these men is to select the right man for a city General Manager. The Sumter Commissioners announce that until December 1 they will receive and consider applications from engineers desiring to fill the position of City Manager. We quote from their announcement as follows:

"The applicant should be competent to oversee public work, such as paving, lighting, water supply, etc. An engineer of standing and ability would be preferred. The City Manager will hold office as long as he gives satisfaction to the commission. He will have complete administrative control of the city, subject to the approval of the board of three elected commissioners. There will be no politics in the job, but the work will be purely that of an expert. Local citizenship is not necessary."

Sumter is a growing manufacturing city of 10,000 population, and its Chamber of Commerce has taken an active interest in the new plan of city government. The secretary of the Chamber, A. V. Snell, has been designated to receive applications for the position.

This is the first time in the United States in which a permanent position of this sort has been created in a city charter. It is of interest to note that this new departure in city government has the hearty approval of the Short Ballot Organization, a society which has for its president Governor Wodrow Wilson, and numbers among its principal officers such prominent men in public life as Winston Churchill of New Hampshire, Ben. B. Lindsey of Colorado and Lawrence F. Abbott of New York City.

It is worth especial notice in connection with this interesting departure in city government, that the best man

to fill the place is being sought, regardless of his place of residence. At the dinner in Philadelphia to Carleton Davis, referred to above, Mayor Blankenburg gave most hearty commendation to the policy of selecting the best engineer that could be found, regardless of whether he lived in the city or not.

As is pretty well known, German cities, which serve as a model to all the rest of the world for good municipal government, choose their mayors, who practically act as general managers, from all over the Empire. Thus a man who makes a good record in governing a small city in Germany will be sought out and hired by some larger city when a vacancy in its mayoralty office occurs.—New York Engineering News.

BIG SWEEP, SAYS HARMON.

Ohio Governor Guest of Democratic National Committee in New York.

New York, Oct. 30.—Gov. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, was the guest of the Democratic National Committee for two hours today and made a personal report upon Maryland and other States in which he has been campaigning in behalf of the Democratic ticket. He declared that Wilson would sweep the country as it has never been swept by the Democratic party.

In speaking of Maryland and his meeting there the Governor said that it was one of the most enthusiastic he had addressed in the whole campaign. He said the party was united in the State and all interests were pulling together for the success of the ticket.

"I have no more doubt as to Maryland's vote this year," concluded the Governor, "than I have about Ohio. And Ohio is as surely Democratic as that we stand here."

Governor Harmon was tendered a remarkable reception in Chairman McCombs' office when Senator Bacon, of Georgia; Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia; Senator O'Gorman, of New York; Senator John Sharp Williams and Judge William Hughes, candidate for Senator in New York, tendered their respects to him.

"Why, this looks like a meeting of the Senate," said Governor Harmon.

"We are all proud to pay our respects to you, Governor Harmon," said Senator O'Gorman.

Chairman McCombs introduced the Ohio Executive to all the National Committeemen at headquarters, and practically every one of the 200 employees crowded into the chairman's office to pay their respects.

"I cannot tell you how deeply I appreciate this reception," said Governor Harmon. "I want to tell Chairman McCombs and you and other good Democratic workers that I have been from California to Rhode Island and there is absolutely no doubt that the Democrats will sweep this country as it has never been swept before. The Republicans have exhausted their cry of rainy days and it is now only a question of who will run second. In my opinion I think Roosevelt, from all I have been able to learn, has the best chance of taking second honors."

"We will hold all our Democratic Congressmen," Governor Harmon told Chairman McCombs, "and I am confident that we are going to have a Democratic Senate. I have been doing all in my power for the success of the ticket. I have found the Republicans up to their old tricks in some States. For instance, in Rhode Island, they have rented all the halls in an effort to keep the Democrats from having a place to hold their meetings. Notwithstanding this, I had the pleasure of addressing a number of large meetings in Providence, and I think the Democrats have more than an even chance of adding Rhode Island to their list."

"All the information I have been able to secure in New York State points strongly to the clean sweep that Congressman Sulzer will make for Governor in the Empire State. We are fortunate in having such a good friend of the laboring people heading the ticket in New York State."

"In an hour's walk to headquarters I have convinced myself that New York State is going for Wilson and Marshall by the largest majority ever given a Democratic candidate or any candidate in this State. Furthermore, I wish to go on record as saying that Governor Wilson will poll more of the popular vote in the whole country than Taft and Roosevelt combined."

Tonight.

Tonight, if you feel dull and stupid, or bilious and constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets, and you will feel all right tomorrow. Sold by all dealers.—Advt.

One transfer of real estate was left with the Auditor Friday: W. T. Andrews to E. W. Dix, lot on Hoyt street, \$190.

Huntsville, Ala. W. C. Dollard, a well known citizen, says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and found it a most excellent preparation. In fact, it suits my case better than any cough syrup I have ever used and I have used a good many, for I am now over seventy years old." Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.